

# The Chesapeake Paddler



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## Chapters offer weekly chance to embrace your inner pirate

*Eye patches are optional but PFDs are not. Grab your gear and get on the water!*

By Lois Wyatt

**A** mid-week paddle can really lighten up the work week! Where can you find companions for such a paddle? CPA hopes that, with so many variations on a theme reflected here, you can find on this list a location, time, and day that fits into your life at least occasionally through the summer. CPA rules apply, so you need the usual CPA safety gear each evening, but the waiver you bring to your first outing covers the entire season. The necessary gear includes PFD, stray skirt, bilge pump, paddle float, drinking water, and appropriate protection for the elements. A VHF radio is highly recommended. If your group is out into dusk and dark, you need a light on both your kayak and your PFD. It's wise to prepare for the paddle by listening to the latest weather reports and monitoring the related forum for late-breaking news. Hope you join one or more of these groups. It's a good way to link up with fellow kayakers near you. Go Pirates 2017!

~ Print your [waiver form](#).

~ Some launch locations are included on our [Meetup Calendar](#).

~ Connect with the various piracies via information found on the [Discussion Forum](#).

### **Pirates of Algonkian**, Captain James Higgins

Algonkian pirates meet at the park boat ramp Tuesdays about 5:00 pm to be on the water by 5:30. We begin this season May 2. As a group, we paddle upstream to the third Potomac island, Van Deventer, about 2 miles from the launch and take a break or paddle further upstream before returning with the river current. Our time on the water depends on the time of sunset because park regulations require paddlers be off the water then. Launch fee is \$4 for kayakers, lower for residents of Northern Virginia, or you can purchase a season pass, good at several regional parks for the year. We also



One of the great things about paddling with CPA is the club's commitment to skills instruction. Here, paddlers handle an incident near Cape Henlopen State Park, Delaware. Photo/Denise Parisi.

practice skills like edging, sculling, rescues, radio communication, and nature photography. Look for James's silver Toyota Tacoma, usually with 2 boats on top.

**When:** Tuesdays, 5:30 PM until sunset

**Where:** Algonkian Regional Park, 47001 Fairway Drive, Sterling, VA: From the Beltway (I-495), take Route 7 west 11 miles to Cascades Parkway north, and drive 3 miles to the park entrance.

### **Pirates of Arundell (PoA)**

Captains Bela Mariassy, Sue Stevens, Greg Welker, & Rich Stevens

Arundell pirates launch from several favorite county park locations of Anne Arundel County, in and around Annapolis, MD. The season starts Wednesday, May 3. Come early and test your cool water, spring paddling gear – 'tis still fairly cool water out there! We go out from early May through Halloween every Wednesday except in the most adverse weather. PoA is the oldest and largest mid-week after-work group. Formerly known as Pirates at Pier 7, we began roving to new launches to see new rivers in July 2014. Most of us gather about 4 PM – 4:30 PM and launch in small groups as kayakers are ready with no fixed, announced group plans for a destination or distance, seeking new creeks to explore. There is usually a fellow kayaker willing to lend a helping hand to unload and reload your kayak. After paddling, we share light snacks, salads, fruits, and desserts. If you have questions, ask one of the piracy leaders or our regular paddlers. To join our group email blast list, just ask.

**When:** Wednesdays, launch 4:30 PM

**Where:** Check CPA calendar

### **Pirates of Baltimore (PoB)**, Captains Marla Aron & Ed Cogswell

On Tuesday evenings, the Baltimore pirates use multiple launch sites to explore the rivers around Baltimore, Anne Arundel, and Harford

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# THE CHESAPEAKE PADDLERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

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## News from the CPA Coordinator - Bill Smith

**I** love May! This is the time of year when the water is warming up, days are getting longer, and the winter gear can get stowed away for another year. The CPA calendar shows a busy month, so it should be easy to find a trip you like and get out. Given the moderate temperatures, it is also a good time to camp.

Since moving to the Chesapeake area, I have camped out of my kayak once (on the Patuxent River); it's something I enjoy and need to do more often. Over the years I have canoe-camped several times, mostly northern Michigan and north of the Canadian border; I also went on a few kayak campers in Northern Michigan and Florida. One difference between canoe and kayak camping is what you can bring with you on the trip.

Every canoe or kayak has a definite advantage or disadvantage, depending on the nature of the trip. On a weeklong river trip where fast water, maneuvering, and rocks are all challenges, a Royalex canoe is hard to beat. Besides room for lots of gear, they maneuver well and can take a beating. The downside is that they are heavy, slower, and greatly affected by the wind, and they don't track as well as a kayak. On a nice lake-to-lake trip with multiple portages, a Kevlar canoe is really hard to beat because of its light weight. A kayak has definite advantages on a bay or coastline where tracking is more important than maneuvering, and the wind is less of a factor because its hull is less likely to catch

the wind. The drawback of a kayak is that it doesn't have as much space for gear though some kayaks have better gear storage

than others. The tradeoff for a kayak with generous storage is that it is probably wider and slower than a fast boat, which has little to no storage available. My personal 'go-to' boat is a Valley Nordkapp, a great boat but not practical for any extended camping. The small hatch size makes it almost impossible to pack a sleeping bag, tent, and enough gear to get beyond a weekend trip. One factor to consider is how much gear is required. If you are paddling when you could encounter cold weather or cold water, then the gear list goes up drastically. One way to determine the gear needed is to make three lists: 1) essential gear 2) seriously helpful gear; and 3) nice-to-have gear. After packing the essential gear, then you can figure how much room is left for nice-to-have gear and other luxuries.

The last Canadian canoe camper I did was on the Riviere Bonaventure on the Gaspé Peninsula in Quebec. This trip started from the top of the Chic Choc Mountains and ended in the Atlantic Ocean near the town of Bonaventure, QC. Since we went in May (way too early to be that far north), it was quite an adventure. The plan was to start from a



lake at the top of the mountain and paddle to the ocean. The problem was that the lake was frozen and snow blocked the entrance to the lake. An outfitter was able to get us to the river just below the lake where we discovered that the whole top of the mountain had been burned over the previous year. It was about 40 degrees when the outfitter dropped us off, and it

soon began raining; as luck would have it, there were no suitable campsites nearby. The only thing to do was to start paddling. The river was choked with deadfalls from the fire, and the current crazy fast. While on the lookout for a suitable campsite, we paddled about 15 miles before clearing the burned area. Then, we were in a canyon with huge drops, and no place to get out of our boats. By the time we left the canyon, it was almost dark, and we had traveled about 30 miles. We were all soaked to the bone and chilled. Needless to say, some of us were grumpy. Just as we left the canyon, we spotted a cabin. At last we had our place to stop. A sign on the cabin read, "Please respect my cabin and leave it as you found it." This cabin was like heaven, so we spent two nights. In return for the hospitality, we rebuilt the porch and cut plenty of firewood.

Another consideration for camping is food. My travel companion is my friend Charley, a backcountry gourmet, so we eat well. One advantage of a roomier boat is the quality of the food to bring. A kayaker had better love freeze dried food! While camping, we always hang our food up in a tree a little distance from our tent. You do not want a mad bear jumping up and down trying to get your bag when it is hanging over your tent. One of my former paddling companions insisted that bears could not smell food through a dry bag. He learned otherwise while solo camping on the north shore of Lake Superior. He was in his Megamid tent when he heard a swish in the middle of the night. He rolled over to a sky full of stars. Startled awake, he realized a bear had swatted a huge hole in the top of his tent. That was the last time he camped with food in the tent.

Time to research a great paddle camping destination. Happy Paddling - 'tis the season!

~ Bill

*Rule #1 of kayak camping: Do not invite a bear into your tent.*

## Paddler Profile

# Melissa Boyle Acuti

By Bob Browning

**Lives in:** Edgewater, Maryland

**Real job :** Park Ranger, Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Maryland Park Service. I currently work out of the Tawes State Office Building in Annapolis as the Coordinator of Conservation Programs with Maryland State Parks.

**Do you regularly attend a piracy?** I paddle with the Pirates of Arundel as often as possible.

**Number of years paddling?** I first paddled a canoe in Girl Scouts as a kid, bought my first kayak in 2001- an Old Town Loon.

**How did you get involved in sea kayaking?** I went on the Patuxent River Sojourn with a rec boat. A few years later I "upgraded" to kayaks and a friend took me on a CPA trip and the rest is history!



Photo/Rich Acuti

**What boats do you paddle?** My tried and true "Mango" Wilderness Systems Tsunami 165 has gone almost everywhere, including a KIPP circumnavigation in 2010! I also have a red over white Impex Assateague that I am still trying to get more comfortable in, especially with the seat (suggestions, anyone?) If those two boats could have a baby, it would be my perfect sea kayak!

**Rudder or skeg?** Either- My Tsunami has a rudder and the Assateague has a skeg .

**Type paddle used:** Euro, although I'm open to trying a Greenland!

**Do you do any other type of paddling besides sea kayaking?** I often teach canoeing during the summer with our youth programs. Any day in or on a boat is a good day.

**Do you regularly do any other outdoor activities?** My husband and I have a Tartan 33 Sailboat, so we like to sail. We also purchased an inflatable kayak to use as a dingy or for explorations.

**How often on average do you paddle in summer between May and October?** Not as much as I would like. Only about once a week.

**Do any winter paddling?** No, no, no!

**Favorite local paddling location:** Anywhere on the Patuxent River, but especially the area near Jug Bay. I think because this was the location for my first kayaking adventure. I spent many summers paddling there on the Patuxent Sojourns. Lake Canoy at Point Lookout is my other favorite spot... I lived at Point Lookout for about five years and this was my "backyard" paddle, with so many eagles and ospreys to watch!

**Favorite CPA trip you've ever been on and why:** Smith Island. We had the most perfect fall weather for a long weekend. One day, we paddled from Smith Island to Tangier Island and got a crab cake and paddled back, ending the day with a perfect island sunset. Had Smith Island Cake (YUM!). And instead of taking the ferry boat back to Crisfield on our last day, it was so calm, "slick cam" (as the locals call it), a group of us paddled from Smith Island all the way back to Crisfield. This is most certainly one of the most beautiful areas in Chesapeake country, and we are so fortunate to have it nearby!

**Coolest paddling trip you've ever been on anywhere:** About two years ago, my Dad and I went to Florida, to paddle the Everglades. We stayed in Flamingo and paddled with crocs and gators, and although

that took our kayaking to a new level, that wasn't the highlight of our trip. One day we went out into the Florida Bay for a short paddle, when we were literally surrounded by dolphins! They put on a show for us, right there from the seats of our kayaks. At one point we wondered if a dolphin might cause one of us to capsize. After talking to one of the Rangers, we found out that in that

area where the water is shallow, the dolphins do something called "mud ringing," where they use their tails to stir up the bottom sediment to make a circle to confuse the fish, making it easier for them to catch them.

**Scariest/most dangerous trip/experience and why?** There were several times during the KIPP Trainings where I wasn't sure I was going to make it, but we always did. Not to say that we didn't have to bail out in someone's backyard and ask for forgiveness... I also had one year on the Potomac River Swim where I was afraid I was going to become a swimmer...near the end of the swim, winds really picked up and waves and current made it really rough for the kayakers. Luckily, we made it!

**Bucket list trip?** Anywhere I can paddle with sea turtles... suggestions, please?

**Three things you like most about paddling:** Being out in nature, getting away from day to day stress.

**What do you like about CPA?** CPA folks have so much knowledge and like to share it. You always learn something, whether it is about kayaking or the best restaurant in that area!

**One unusual, non-paddling thing other people find interesting about you?** My hobbies include tagging migrating monarch butterflies. You can purchase tiny numbered stickers from Monarch Watch and tag them in September and October. Over the years that I have been doing this only one of my butterflies has been recovered in Mexico! I also participate in Project Owl Net in the fall, and assist with banding migrating Saw-whet Owls as they pass through Maryland.

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Counties. Early in the summer, we offer training on rescues and paddling skills. We create a tentative schedule of paddling locations and dates and post this list on the Pirates of Baltimore forum page Pirates of Baltimore forum. Directions to the launch sites are posted on our forum page, so check it every Tuesday before driving to the launch to make sure the paddle hasn't been changed or canceled for bad weather. We end our evenings by going to local restaurants near where we paddled. Plan to arrive in time to unload your gear, park, and be on the water by the posted time (usually 5:30 or 6:00 p.m.). You must complete an additional CPA waiver each time you participate in a training session.

**When:** Tuesdays, launch at 5:30 or 6:00 PM

**Where:** Check Pirates of Baltimore forum for location and time.

### Pirates of the Eastern Shore (PoES) - Capt. Paula Hubbard

Pirates of the Eastern Shore is a very small group, so our paddles are less organized, more informal. We have paddled out of Turner Creek, Rock Hall, and Chestertown. Sometimes we paddle to a local restaurant for dinner while other times we do a short paddle with some rescue and roll practice. If anyone wants to explore the Eastern Shore on a weekday afternoon, contact me directly at [pirates\\_easternshore@cpakayaker.com](mailto:pirates_easternshore@cpakayaker.com), and we can create a spontaneous pirate paddle.

**When and Where:** Check CPA calendar.

### Pirates of Georgetown (PoG), Washington, DC - Captains Jesse Aronson, Tom Heneghan, Rob Pearlman, & Larry Ichter

Georgetown pirates launch from Columbia Island Marina on the Potomac River every Thursday evening. We meet at 6:00 pm, launch promptly at 6:30 pm, and typically stay on the water for about 1.5 hours. Our season begins May 11. We paddle every week once the water warms up from spring until late October; check the Meetup Calendar for exact dates. We meet regardless of weather and make a safety-oriented decision on whether to paddle based on real-time conditions. Any exceptions will be posted on the CPA forum. Our typical paddle follows the DC skyline, including the Jefferson and Lincoln Memorials, Kennedy Center, Georgetown Waterfront and Roosevelt

Island. Tour boat operators and kayak outfitters make good money on similar routes, but our paddles are

free! Occasionally we paddle into the Anacostia River. In summer the marina sometimes has food and live music on Thursday nights, which we take advantage of after paddling. Other times we go out for a quick meal at a nearby restaurant. Our paddling speed is

flexible based on who is there. Newbies and expert paddles alike are welcome!

**When:** Thursdays, launch 6:30 PM

**Where:** Columbia Island Marina, off the George Washington Parkway southbound only, near the Pentagon. Visit the Columbia Island Marina Directions page.

**Pirates of the North (PON), North, Captain Bob Shakeshaft**  
From Havre de Grace, MD, Pirates of the North (PON) explore where the mighty Susquehanna becomes the Chesapeake Bay. Our season is shaping up much like years past except we will add 3 new co-captains to be announced later. We



*Pirates in Annapolis harbor, taken from the Hermine. Photo/Cragg Smith.*

paddle Thursday nights, launching at 6 PM from Roberts Park, below the Amtrak Bridge in Havre de Grace. We have some great trip options, including paddling up river to Port Deposit or Susquehanna State Park, across the river through the Flats to Furnace Bay, south along the Havre de Grace shoreline toward Swan Creek, or open water paddling out to the old Fishing Battery. We welcome paddlers of varied skills and are always glad to help new paddlers learn to paddle safely. When paddlers finish thirsty and hungry, we have a number of nice pubs to try. Come join us when you can.

**When:** Thursdays, launch 6:00 PM

**Where:** Roberts Park, Havre de Grace

**Pirates of the Occoquan, Captains Jeff Walazek & Jim Zawlocki**  
Occoquan pirates paddle segments of the Occoquan Water Trail (OWL) in Northern Virginia which covers 40-miles on the Bull Run, Occoquan River, and Potomac River. Adventures abound as you discover the vast and changing landscape of 10,000 acres of public lands with class II rapids at the headwaters, calm waters of the reservoir, and the open fetch rough water possible in the Potomac bays. The majority of the trail runs along protected parkland and wildlife preserve, home to numerous herons, eagles, egrets, kingfishers, and aquatic life within its numerous coves and marshlands. We usually paddle on Wednesday nights but occasionally change to Tuesday or Thursday evenings, depending on the weather forecast. The Pirates use launch sites at Bull Run Marina, Fountainhead Regional Park, and Pohick Bay Regional Park. Join us as we paddle this natural world of scenic landscapes and abundant wildlife. Launch fees are \$4/\$5 dollars; most Pirates purchase the annual OWL launch pass for \$40. Afterwards we frequent local eateries. The Pirate

Captains send out an announcement via the e-mail distribution list announcing the paddles usually by Monday evening each week. The announcement is also posted on the Pirates of Occoquan forum on the CPA website. If you are interested in being added to the e-mail



Greg Welker uses a single-blade paddle.

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# Novice navigators learn to chart their way forward

*Clasping compasses, rulers, pencils, and protractors, 14 paddlers ventured deep into the woods of the Eastern Shore, never to be the same again. It's a good thing.*

By Paula Hubbard

**D**o you know how to plan a kayak trip in the comfort of your living room using a chart? Can you determine what direction you would need to paddle? Can you read the tide and current predictions and use that information to set expectations for the paddle? Can you use the marine forecast to decide if you need a plan B?



Illustration: [Creative Commons](#).

*Did you know?*

- § That landmarks such as points and coves look obvious on a chart, but are much harder to distinguish when on the water in a kayak?

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distribution list contact Jim or Jeff using the e-mail address -- pirates\_occoquan@cpakayaker.com.

**When:** Usually Wednesdays, launch 4:30 PM

**Where:** Check CPA Forum or calendar.

## **Pirates of Patuxent (PoP)**, Captains Jenny Plummer-Welker & Don Polakovics

The Patuxent pirates' port of call is a little beach in Solomons, Maryland across Solomons Island Road from Our Lady Star of the Sea. We assemble Thursdays around 5:30 PM for 6 PM launches, starting May 11<sup>th</sup> this year and running through late October. Trips are generally 6 - 10 miles in length and range from open water jaunts to exploring tidal marshes or sometimes both on the same outing. We welcome paddlers of all skill levels and tailor our evening paddles to match. Although most of our outings are on the beautiful Patuxent River, we sometimes hold "roving nights" on other weekday nights at different locations, so please check the "Pirates of the Patuxent" forum or CPA MeetUp for the latest news of upcoming adventures. In June we hold a skills session covering self and group rescues. Many of our crew built their own boats, so we have skin-on-frame, plywood, and cedar strip experience if you want to combine boat building conversation with a leisurely paddle.

**When:** Thursdays, launch 6:00 PM

**Where:** Beach in Solomons, MD, pirates\_patuxent@cpakayaker.com

## **Pirates of the Potomac**, Captain Dick Rock

Our put-in is located on the George Washington Memorial Parkway one mile south of Alexandria in the Belle Haven Marina at Dyke Marsh National Park. The launch fee is \$5 daily or \$45 for the year

- § That magnetic north is 11° west of true north in the Chesapeake Bay and that the difference is called the variance?
- § That your heading is not always your planned course, and that's OK?
- § That for every hour you paddle across a 1 knot current you will be pushed 1 nautical mile in the direction of the current. A one knot current doesn't seem like much, but that's a long way.
- § That there is a way to determine if you are on a collision course with another boat?

On March 25<sup>th</sup> 14 paddlers journeyed into the woods for a kayak navigation class where they grappled with these questions and more. They tackled a full agenda -- trip planning, charts, using a compass, weather, tides, and currents—under the instruction of Paula Hubbard, who also hosted the class. She hopes to make it an annual event; look for the class next year just before the paddling season kicks off.



Captain Dick Rock.

pass. We normally launch on Wednesdays at 5 PM. We paddle on the Potomac River which gives us many options for paddle sorties. We usually paddle for a couple of hours. After our paddle, some people go into Old Town for a quick dinner. We have a variety of paddlers and welcome all comers. Our paddles are designed to be fun and enjoyable for all. It is true that a paddle to break up the week is a wonderful way to get out for a refreshing lull. Try

it, you won't be sorry. We hope to start our piracy's paddles when the water temperature is 70 degrees. This is usually about the end of April.

**When:** Wednesdays, launch 5:00 PM

**Where:** Belle Haven Marina, Alexandria, VA

**Pirates of Sugarloaf**, Captains Rita Scherping & Liz Marancik  
Sugarloaf pirates usually meet on Tuesdays at 6:00 pm at Riley's Lock, off River Road in Seneca/Darnestown, MD. We paddle up the Potomac River, around 1 - 3 islands depending on the current and group skills. Then we rapidly return/drift downstream. We usually stay out long enough to enjoy the spectacular sunsets over the Potomac, so bring lights for you and your kayak! Our season begins in mid-May. There is no put-in fee apart from courtesy as other boaters use the ramp. Any change of location will be posted in the forums. We occasionally meet at Black Hill Regional Park in Boyds Maryland, where there is a \$5 fee.

**When:** Tuesdays, launch 6:30 PM until sunset

**Where:** Primary launch is Riley's Lock, unless otherwise posted.

## Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Summary
Wed, May 3	Pirates of Arundell - Galesville Wharf	Opening paddle of Arundell Pirates' 2017 season, 4:00, casual peer paddle with potluck snacks after
Fri, May 5 - Sun, 7	SK 102, CPA's 19th annual sea kayak skills	On water skills clinic weekend at Lake Anna, VA
Mon, May 8	Battle Creek, nr Benedict, MD	10:00 Adv Beg, tributary of the Patuxent south of Benedict, MD terminates in a cypress swamp. With high tide, can we get past the strainers to the cypresses?
Wed, May 10	Pirates of Arundell - Homeport Farm	4:00, BRING WHEELS, casual peer paddle with potluck snacks after
Thurs, May 11	Patuxent Pirates season opener	
Sat, May 13	KIPP #2	8:00, second of monthly group meetings to help paddlers improve skills and build endurance to prepare for the personal distance challenge paddle in September.
Mon, May 15	Upper Chester River, MD	10:00 Adv Beg, Queen Anne's Cty ramp permit required
Wed, May 17	Pirates of Arundell - Spriggs Farm	4:00 casual peer paddle with potluck snacks after
Sat, May 20	Magothy River, MD	9:00 Adv Beg, paddle past Sillery Bay, Gibson Island, Dobbins Island, & Little Island
Sat, May 20	Nanjemoy Creek, MD	10:00 Friendship Landing to Rt 6 Bridge
Sat, May 20	non-CPA event: Okoumefest, Chesapeake Light Craft	9:00, wooden boat-building at store & demo day at Matapeake SP
Sun, May 21	Quantico Marine Base to Ghost Ships of Mallows Bay	10:00, Hospital Point boat ramp
Mon, May 22 - Wed, 24	Western Sinepuxent Bay	11:00 5/22 - 5:00 5/24, car camping at Shad Landing SP with day trips on Western Sinepuxent Bay and Pocomoke River
Wed, May 24	Pirates of Arundell - Jonas Green	4:00, casual peer paddle with potluck snacks after
Sat, May 27	Magothy River, MD	9:00 Beg, for new paddlers, 5-6 mi on protected waters nr
Sat, May 27 - Sun, 28	Patuxent River practice kayak camper	9:00 5/27 - 5:00 5/28, to try kayak camping for first time with support & guidance, 6-8 mi in somewhat protected waters, to a paddle-in-only campsite
Wed, May 31	Pirates of Arundell - Homeport Farms	4:00, BRING WHEELS, casual peer paddle with potluck snacks after
Sat, June 3	CPA Gear Day & Fall Out of Your Boat Day	9:00 - 4:00 all skill levels, skills practice and CPA logo gear sales
Sun, June 4	George Washington Distillery & Grist Mill Paddle	10:30, Adv Beg, launch on MD side, past Mt Vernon to distillery and lunch site
Mon, June 5	Lower Chester River	10:00, Adv Beg, from Kent Island to Queenstown & Tilghman Creeks. Queen Anne's County launch permit required
Wed, June 7	Pirates of Arundell - Spriggs Farm Park	4:00, casual peer paddle with potluck snacks after
Sat, June 10	KIPP #3	8:00, third meeting to help improve skills and build endurance for the challenge paddle in September.
Mon, June 12	Upper reaches of Choptank River	10:00, Adv Beg & Beg who can paddle 10 mi, launch from Greensboro, explore upper river on high tide
Wed, June 14	Pirates of Arundell - Jonas Green	4:00, casual peer paddle with potluck snacks after
Sat, June 17 - Sun, 18	Westmoreland Kayak camper from Colton Pt, MD	8:00 6/17 - 5:00 6/18, Int, cross Potomac to new paddle-in site
Mon, June 19	Patuxent into Hunting Creek	10:00, Adv Beg
Wed, June 21	Pirates of Arundell - Galesville Wharf	4:00, casual peer paddle with potluck snacks after

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# Club gets dirty for Pax

## *15th annual cleanup day is a success*

The Chesapeake Paddlers Association reprised its now traditional trash collection along the Patuxent River for the fifteenth year, with crews led by Ralph Heimlich and Chip Walsh covering the waterfront in different locales. Thirteen trash pickers were out on the river: seven starting from Jackson's Landing (Jug Bay) and six from the Queen Anne Canoe Launch. The southern crew focused on the



Western Branch, near the Mount Calvert Mansion, netting 28



Steve and Mimi haul out the big stuff.

Photos/Ralph Heimlich

bags of trash. The Jug Bay Park's crew gleaned 80 bags of rubbish, plus a couple of miscellaneous larger pieces. The northern crew harvested 10 bags of trash, five tires, and some larger pieces. The quantity of trash on the northern section seemed to be less because of high water washing much of it out. Thanks to all who got dirty for the sake of clean waterways: Mark Woodside, Tom Heneghen, Ralph Heimlich, Caroline Tomasi, Bela Mariassy, Suzanne Farace, Leigh Mariassy, Chip Walsh, Luis Angel Munoz, Steve Grant, Mimi Zucker, Yancey Bodenstein, and Katherine Neale.

*Talking trash, as usual: Ralph, Bela, Tom, Mark, and Suzanne take a break from cleaning up the Pax.*

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